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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Express Mail No.: EL744192348US  
Attorney Docket No.: 2004020-0001  
Date Filed: February 21, 2002

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
(FOR NEW NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(B))

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a patent application and papers as follows for:

Inventor(s):

Given Name (first and middle)	Family Name or Surname	Residence (City and State or Foreign Country)
Darius M.	Ameri	Belmont, Massachusetts

Title of the Invention:

**“TROCAR PLACEMENT GUIDE NEEDLE”**

A) APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- 1)  **Fee Transmittal Form** (original and duplicate submitted for fee processing)
- 2)  **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status** (see 37 CFR 1.27)
  - a)  **Statement Verifying Small Entity Status** (optional)
- 3)  **Specification** **TOTAL PAGES: 12**
  - Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored R & D (if applicable)
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Summary of the Invention
  - Description of the Drawing (if filed)
  - Detailed Description of the Invention

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Application Number	
Filing Date	February 21, 2002
First Named Inventor	Darius M. Ameri
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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

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Deposit Account Number **03-1721**  
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Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed:

Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	<b>370</b>
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 370.00)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
12	-20**	= <b>0</b>	
2	- 3**	= <b>0</b>	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____				
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-Claim(s)  
-Abstract of the Invention

4)  **Drawing(s)** (35 U.S.C. § 113)

**TOTAL SHEETS:** 3

a)  Formal Drawings (if checked)

5)  **Oath or Declaration**

**TOTAL PAGES:** 3

a)  Newly Executed (original or copy)

b)  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)) for  
continuation/divisional application

i)  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S): Signed Statement deleting inventor(s) named  
in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

c)  **Unexecuted**

6)  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7)  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program  
(Appendix)

8)  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all are  
necessary)

a)  Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b)  Specification Sequence Listing on:

i)  CD-ROM or CR-R (2 copies); or

ii)  Paper

c)  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**B) ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

9)  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10)  37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

11)  **Power of Attorney**

12)  English Translation Document (if applicable)

13)  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
14)  Copies of IDS Citations  
15)  Preliminary Amendment  
16)  **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)** (specifically itemized)  
17)  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)  
18)  OTHER: Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i)

**C) FOR CONTINUING APPLICATIONS:**

(The appropriate box is checked, and certain information is provided below and in a preliminary amendment.)

CONTINUATION       DIVISIONAL       CONTINUATION-IN-PART (CIP)

OF PRIOR APPLICATION NO:

FILED:

EXAMINER:

GROUP/ART UNIT:

FOR CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATIONS ONLY: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied as detailed above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**D) METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR THIS APPLICATION:**

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.  
 A check is enclosed to cover the filing fees as determined on the fee transmittal enclosed herewith. Total filing fee amount \$ 370.00.  
 The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 03-1721.

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